



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer  
Interim Director of Community and Senior Services

At its meeting held June 14, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Director of Community and Senior Services' recommendation to approve the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Dispute Resolution Program funding recommendations, and authorize the Interim Director to negotiate and execute contracts with various service providers totaling \$2,089,000, fully financed using the Alternative Dispute Resolution Trust Fund, to provide mediation, conciliation, facilitation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services to County residents, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and authorize the Interim Director to execute amendments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts based on contractor performance and availability of funding, provided that the amount of change does not exceed 25% of the contract amount.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The Dispute Resolution Program provides valuable mediation, arbitration, conciliation and education services to facilitate conflict resolution and alleviate the backlog of court cases in the County of Los Angeles. According to data from the Department of Community and Senior Services which administers the program, 10,138 cases were resolved in Fiscal Year 2003-04.

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“However, due to decreased court filings which fund the Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Trust Fund, continuing the Dispute Resolution Program at the existing level is not possible. Consequently, 15 nonprofit and public agencies that are contracted to deliver these valuable services may have to scale back their programs. Since these agencies match the ADR Trust Fund allocation dollar for dollar, any reduction in funding from the trust fund will result in substantial curtailment of services.

“Therefore, it is imperative that the County assist the service providers by allocating additional funds from the ADR trust fund and developing a legislative strategy that will seek additional financial relief from the State.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe being absent), Board adopted the Interim Director of Community and Senior Services’ attached recommendation and took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Interim Director of Community and Senior Services to:
  - Transfer \$250,000 from the Dispute Resolution contingency fund to actual operating expenses to be distributed proportionately among all 15 service providers (leaving \$103,000 in contingency); and
  - Prepare and submit monthly financial reports to the Chief Administrative Officer tracking revenues and financial expenditures for the Dispute Resolution Program in order to avoid any cost overruns beyond the contingency fund; and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a legislative strategy to maintain the existing level of funding for the Dispute Resolution Program and report back findings and recommendations within 90 days.

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Attachment

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County Counsel